

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 16th June 2025 at 7pm in Cressbrook Club

PRESENT: Cllr Saxby in the Chair
Cllrs Brunt, Howe, Rennie & Rooke

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk

3041 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Gregory who was unable to attend due to other commitments.

3042 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

3043 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were four members of the public present and two representatives from Tideswell & District Community Land Trust (T&DCLT).

The Cressbrook residents stated that the wall in front of the war memorial needs some attention and also the road through Cressbrook is degrading rapidly. They asked whether the Parish Council could put pressure on DCC to fix the road and also to get the verges cut back. The Clerk will write to DCC and DDDC to request the remedial action.

They also mentioned that there are a number of ash trees on the war memorial land that have ash die back and the footpath that runs along the edge of the land needs clearing as the wall is falling down. It was noted that the footpath had already been reported some time ago and that the wall is the responsibility of Stanton Estates.

There is also a hole in the wall on the hairpin bend. Councillor Brunt stated that DCC were aware of the hole and have been out to inspect it.

IT WAS AGREED to move agenda item 6 to be discussed during the public participation section of the meeting.

3044 TO CONSIDER SUPPORTING TIDESWELL'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING SURVEY
T&DCLT provided explanatory papers for circulation to Councillors prior to the meeting.

They explained that a site for affordable housing had been identified in Tideswell and that they had responded to the Peak District National Park's call for sites. If adopted in the Peak Park's Housing Needs 2026 Assessment this will trigger a housing survey which if Litton Parish Council supports will mean its residents will gain priority status for any new homes built in Tideswell as a result. It was noted that DCC will fund the needs survey and there will be no cost to Litton.

A vote took place as to whether the Parish Council should support the initiative. Four Councillors were in favour and one against. **IT WAS THEREFORE RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council will support the housing needs survey.

3045 MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

There were no agenda items that required the exclusion of members of the press and public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1.

3046 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20TH MAY 2025

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the Annual council meeting held on 20th May as being true and correct records.

ACTIONS FROM THE MINUTES

- **2990 Update on War Memorial and Land at Cressbrook** – Councillor Brunt stated that she had met with another stonemason but that another quote was still needed. The Clerk will chase.
- **3015 Update on Policy for Tables and Chairs on the Village Green** – a draft bench policy was circulated to members. **IT WAS RESOLVED:** to approve the policy subject to minor amendments as discussed.
- **3039 Update on adjustment to gate/post at the playground** – **IT WAS RESOLVED:** To ask the handyperson to have a look at the gate to see if it can be fixed or whether a new gate is required.

3047 PLANNING APPLICATIONS – none.

3048 FINANCE

(i) Accounts for payment

The Clerk submitted a schedule of payments in the sum of £1,973.04 for approval together with a bank reconciliation as at 16th June 2025.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the schedule of payments be signed and the accounts to which they relate be paid.

Income of £2,000 was received during the month in respect of burial fees.

The current account balance as at 16th June 2025 was £17,381.32 and the reserve account balance was £7,669.41.

3049 TO REVIEW THE CEMETERY REGULATIONS

The wording relating to the cemetery regulations on the website was circulated to members. It was also noted that the Cemetery Regulations are not always being adhered to.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That before a Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial is sent to the purchaser, they should sign to say that they have received and read the Cemetery Regulations.

IT WAS ALSO RESOLVED: That the website wording relating to fees should be amended, as discussed, to remove any ambiguity.

3050 TREE MAINTENANCE

IT WAS AGREED: That the invoice for the recent tree work undertaken by Precision Tree Care should be paid.

3051 TO CONSIDER SPRAYING THE CAR PARK EDGES AND AROUND THE WAR MEMORIAL IN CRESSBROOK

IT WAS RESOLVED: To ask the handyperson to clear the edges of the car park.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED: That the Clerk will inform the handyperson that the snowberries and ivy are creeping back towards the war memorial.

IT WAS FURTHER AGREED: That the Clerk will write to DCC again regarding the collapsing wall along the edge of the footpath near the war memorial in Cressbrook.

3052 TO CONSIDER THE MONTHLY PLAYGROUND REPORT

It was noted that the condition of the wall along the eastern boundary of the playground is deteriorating. This appears to be exacerbated by the laurels that have been planted on the boundary of the neighbouring property.

There is a trip hazards caused by sunken post holes left by the removal of the old toddler swings that need to be infilled.

The log banking steps have exposed screws which could cause injury.

IT WAS AGREED: To get a quote for removing the log banking steps leading to the slide.

3053 CORRESPONDENCE

An email was received from a user of the cemetery reporting broken paving near the bin which is likely to cause a trip hazard.

IT WAS AGREED: That Councillor Howe will take a look and see if it can be repaired.

Notification from DDDC that they will be sending out 36,000 canvass letters to Derbyshire Dales household starting 18th July. If the canvass form the household receives states that a response is required or if the information contained in the letter is incorrect or requires updating they should respond as soon as possible. Full instructions on how to respond can be found within the form.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.37pm.